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1. Negotiations between the various interested syndicates and the Mene Grande Oil Company, S.A., which took place on [REDACTED], were distinguished 25X1A from prior meetings with the Shell Group Companies and Creole Petroleum Corporation by the presence of representatives of two black Communist unions and those of the three green Social Christian syndicates (COPEI). COSUTRAPET (red Communist federation) and the Comité Pro Federacion Sindical Nacional Petrolera or Comité (blue-white Accion Democratica grouping) were again the leaders of the discussions. The Asociacion Nacional de Empleados (ANDE) of Zulia again appeared on its own behalf.

2. The green unions were represented by Dagoberto Gonzalez and Nelson Pinto Espinosa. Because of objections made by other union groups, they withdrew 25X1A from the talks and began meetings with the company alone on [REDACTED]. Unions represented by them, together with the number of member employees of Mene Grande as of 1 January 1950, are as follows:

Sindicato de Trabajadores y Obreros Petroleros (STOP) del Distrito Sotillo (Puerto La Cruz)	69
STOP de Lagunillas	20
STOP de Las Piedras	2

3. Two black unions\* were represented by Martin Marval, who is Secretary General of the black Federacion de Trabajadores del Estado de Anzoategui, and Dr. Enrique Aguero Gorriin, attorney. The two unions, with their Mene Grande membership, are:

Sindicato de Trabajadores Petroleros (STP) de Puerto La Cruz	171
Sindicato de Obreros y Empleados Petroleros (SOEP) de San Joaquin	14

4. White and blue unions\*\* represented by the Comité with their Mene Grande membership are:

STP de Maracaibo	57
Union de Trabajadores del Petroleo (UTP) del Distrito Mara	44
SOEP de Cabimas	426

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UOEP de Lagunillas	480
SOEP de Tia Juana	29
UOEP de San Lorenzo	3
Sindicato Profesional de Trabajadores	
Petroleros (SPTP) de El Tejero y Punta	
Gorda (Monagas)	67
SOEP de El Tigre (Anzoategui)	974
UOEP del Distrito Sotillo (Puerto La Cruz)	142
UTP del Distrito Falcon	3

5. ANDE of Zulia, blue-white union negotiating separately, has 26 Mene Grande employees.

6. Red unions represented by COSUTRAPET with their Mene Grande membership are as follows:

STP de los Municipios Simon Rodrigues y Cantaura	617
STP de Municipio Guanipa	121
SOEP de Buena Vista (San Joaquin)	9
SOEP de Maracaibo	66
STP de Lagunillas	92
Sindicato Nacional de Marineros Petroleros (SNMP)	98
STP del Municipio Punta Cardon	80
STP de Cabimas	8
STP del Distrito Mara	12
Union Venezolano de Oficiales de la Marina Mercante (UVOMM) ***	16

7. Totals of Mene Grande "Bolívar payroll" employees unionized as of 1 January 1950 are as follows:

	Western Fields		Eastern Fields		Totals	
Red unions	372	23.5%	747	34.2%	1119	29.7%
White-Blue	1162	73.5%	1183	54.1%	2345	62.3%
Green	22	1.4%	69	3.2%	91	2.4%
URD	26	1.6%	-	-	26	.7%
Black	-	-	185	8.5%	185	4.9%
Totals unionized	1582		2184		3766	
Total workers	2904		4535		7439	

8. The Union de Obreros y Empleados Petroleros (UOEP) de Cabimas, URD union claimed by the Comité Independiente Sindical Petrolero Nacional (CISPEN), did not join with the two black unions and was not represented at the table. It has 26 member employees.

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Comments:

\*It will be noted that the black Communist unions had their own representatives and did not associate themselves with the URD union nor with CISPEN. This would appear to indicate that the two groups decided to appear separately; that their expected joinder did not culminate or else proved unsatisfactory; or that the early estimate of their cooperation by Creole Petroleum Corporation officials was faulty.

\*\*Former Accion Democratica unions are known as blue in the western oil fields and as white in eastern Venezuela.

\*\*\*UVOMM was called a blue syndicate by Shell Group Companies, and a Sindicato UVOMM was called red by Creole Petroleum Corporation.

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